

MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents
Title I Program Administrators

From: Lee Ann Kwiatkowski, Director
Division of Compensatory Education

Re: Guidance on operating targeted assistance school programs

Date: December 6, 2007

A Targeted Assistance (TAS) school is one that receives Title I, part A funds and is either not eligible to operate as a schoolwide program, or has chosen to remain as a TAS. In a TAS, Title I funds must be focused, or targeted, at students identified as failing, or most at risk of failing, to meet the State's challenging content and student performance standards. When selecting students for Title I services, you must choose multiple criteria that are objective, education-related, and uniformly applied to all students. Our office has previously created samples and a presentation regarding student selection requirements. These resources may be viewed at: http://www.doe.state.in.us/TitleI/monitoring_resources.html. Please note that the costs of assessments used for identifying students, as well as personnel to administer the assessments, are the responsibility of the corporation, and may not be purchased with Title I funds. Once identified for Title I services, Title I funds can be used to continually assess and monitor the progress of participating students.

A targeted assistance school differs from a schoolwide program school in several significant respects:

- Title I funds may be used in targeted assistance schools only for programs that provide services to eligible children identified as having the greatest need for special assistance.
- Title I funds must be used for services that supplement, and do not supplant, the services that would be provided, in the absence of the Part A funds, from non-Federal sources.
- Records must be maintained that document that Title I funds are spent on activities and services only for students that have been identified as eligible and participating in Title I services.

Two additional documents regarding the required components for TAS programs and a comparison of targeted assistance schools versus schoolwide programs are enclosed for your reference. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 317-232-0540 or Toll-Free at 877-418-7240. Thank you.

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